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## Smart Grid

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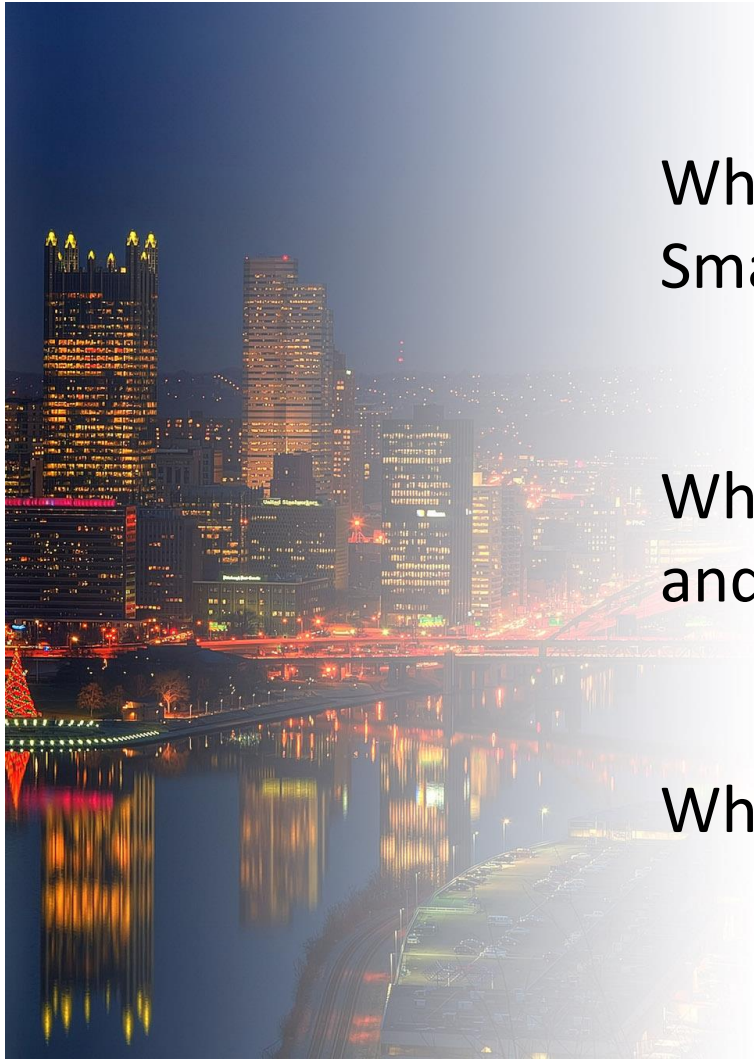
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# What we will cover

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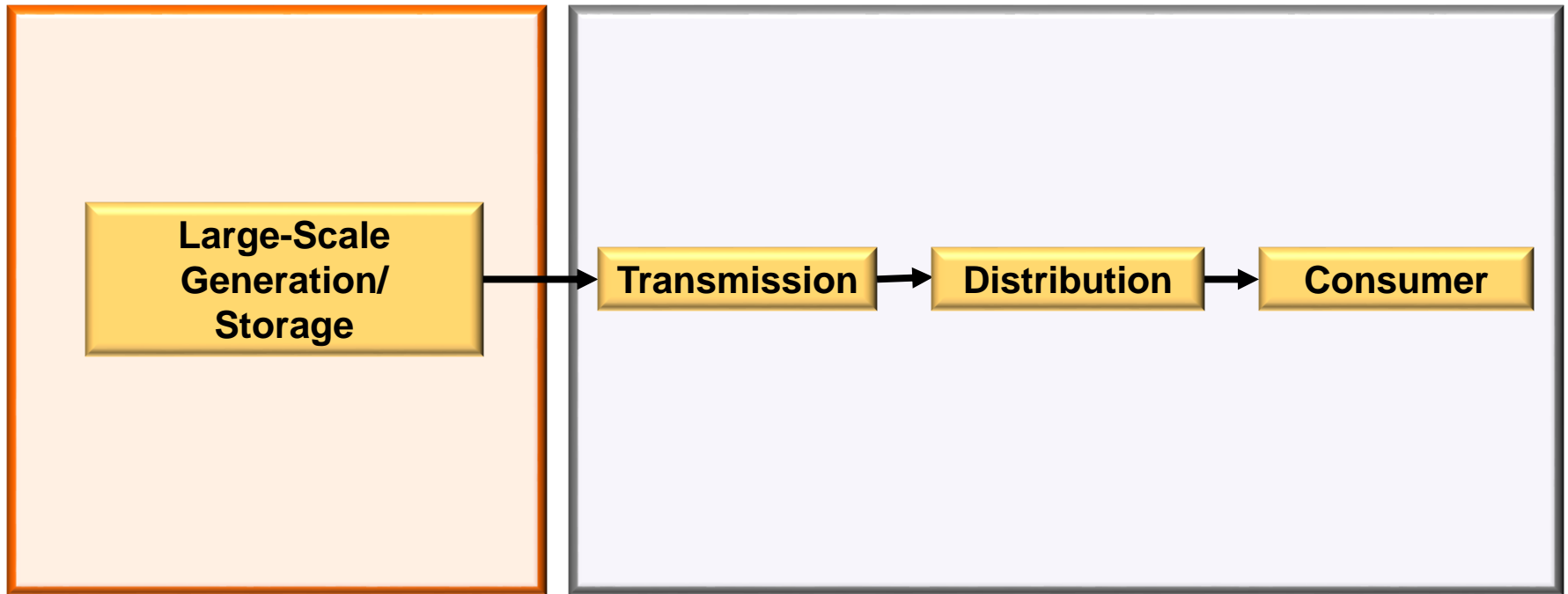
What's the difference between a Smart Grid and a modern grid?

What are the technologies, benefits, and metrics?

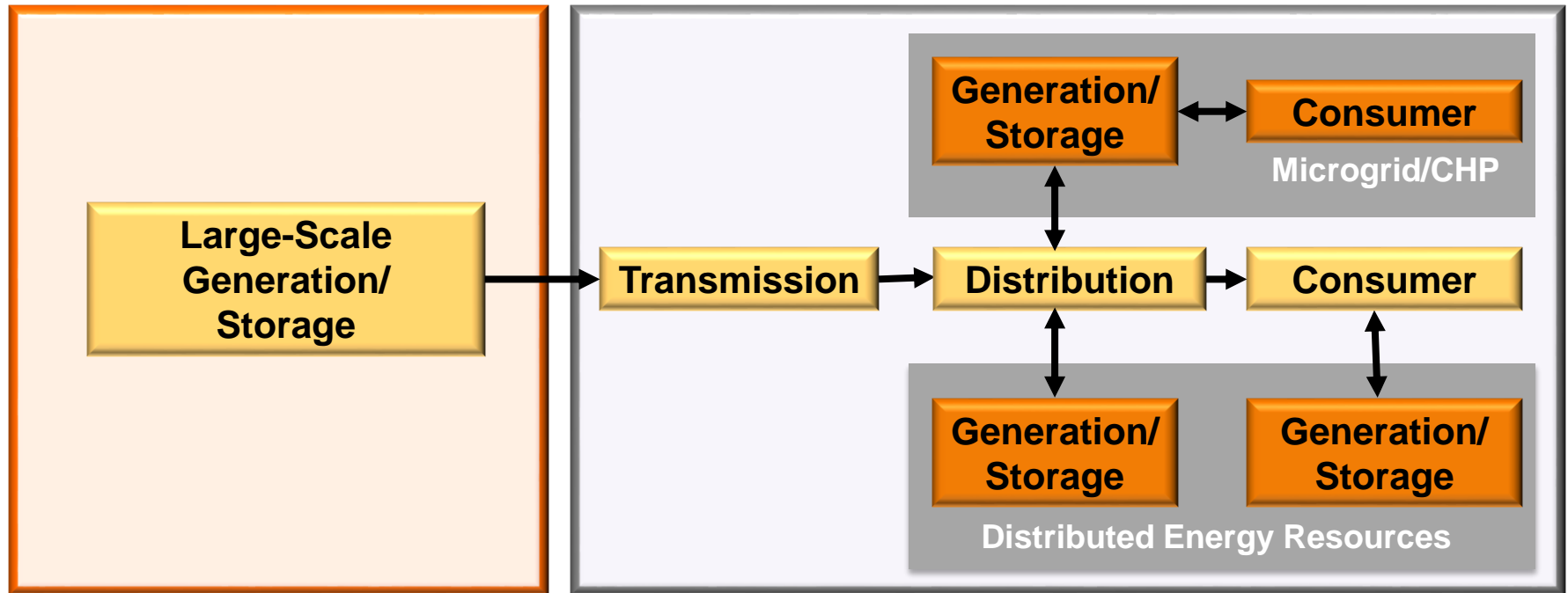
What are the challenges?

# Basic structure of electric power systems today

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# The modern system will have changes in all of these elements, some more than others



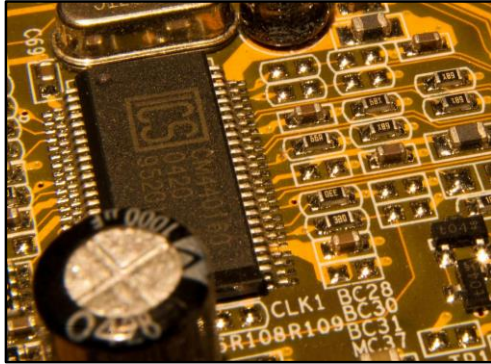
# The Smart Grid will...



1. Enable active participation by consumers
2. Accommodate all generation and storage options
3. Enable new products, services, and markets
4. Provide power quality for the digital economy
5. Optimize asset utilization and operate efficiently
6. Anticipate & respond to system disturbances (self-heal)
7. Operate resiliently against attack and natural disaster



# The Modern Grid includes Smart Grid enhancements and more



**Attributes  
of Smart Grid**

*Senses  
Protects  
Controls*



**Enhanced  
Functionality**

*Generation  
Storage  
Load*



**Modern Grid**



# A Smart Grid allows for a number of significant changes

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Passive consumers

Active consumers

One-way flow of power and comm.

Two-way flow of power and communication

Central generation

Flexible mix of central and distributed

Passive asset control

Active asset control

Radial system

Networked and integrated system

Fixed rates

Dynamic pricing

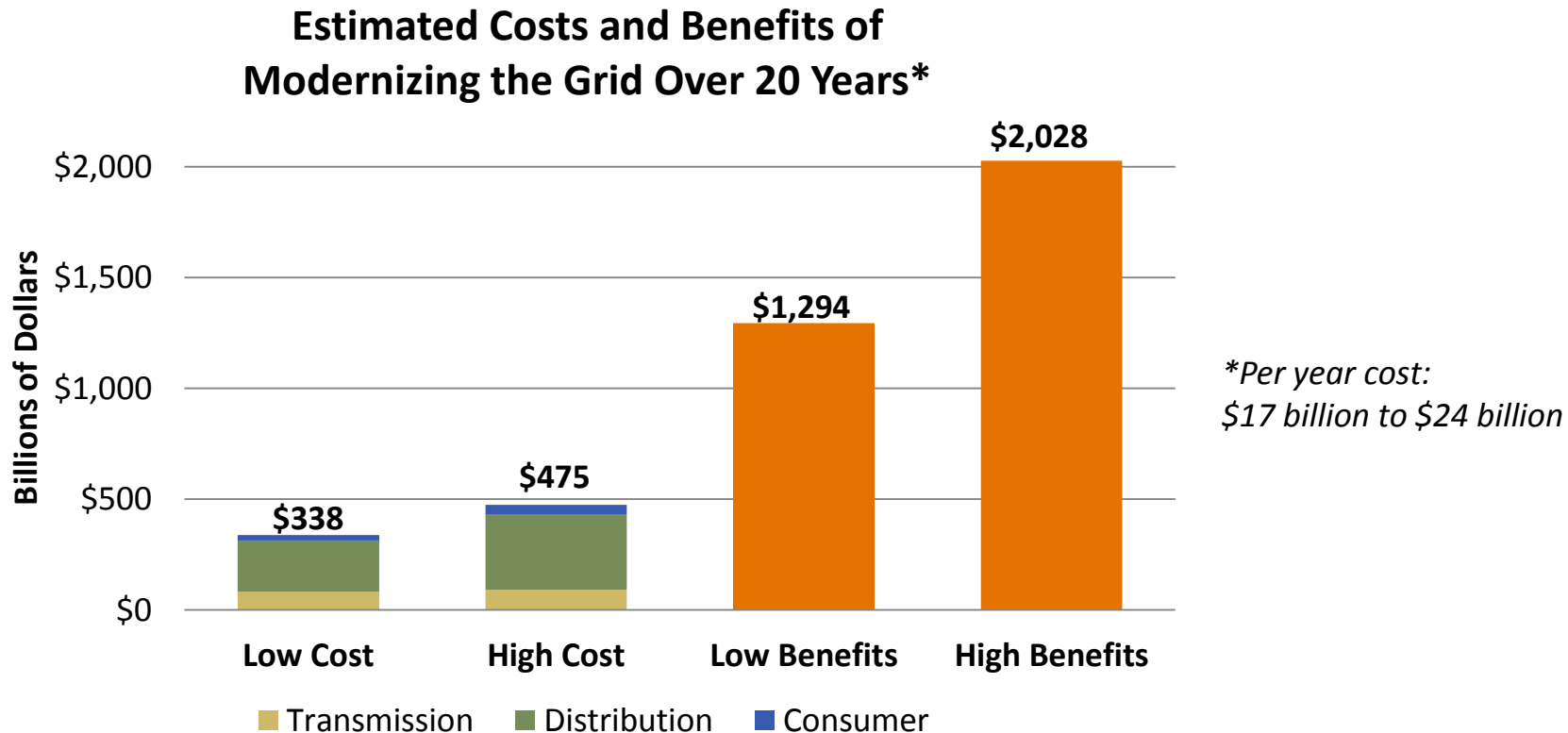
Separate transmission & distribution

Interactive transmission & distribution

Few ties to other infrastructures

Potential to transform transportation sector

# There is a significant cost to modernizing the grid but estimates suggest the benefits outweigh the costs



**Overall benefit-to-cost ratio of 2.8 to 6.0**

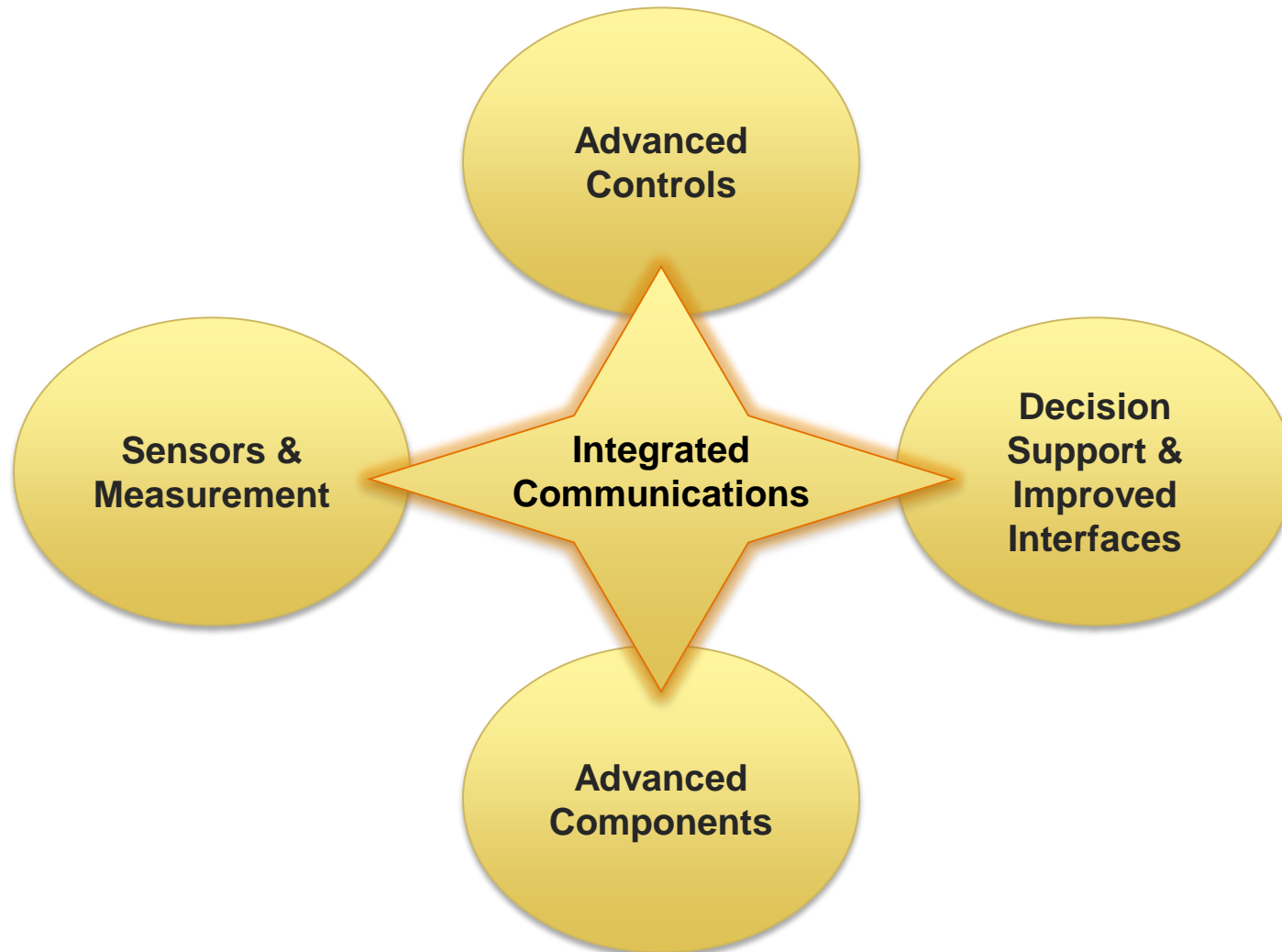
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# Technologies, Benefits, and Metrics

# Smart Grid technologies fall into five basic categories

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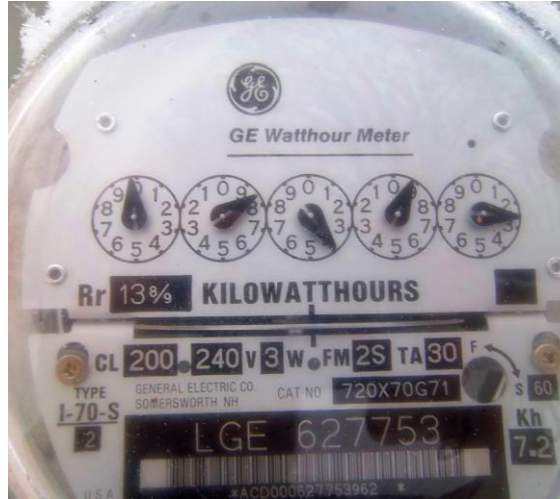


# The benefits of a Smart Grid can vary for different groups



**Utilities**

What's in it for my  
**shareholders?**



**Consumers**

What's in it for **me?**



**Society**

What's in it for **us?**

# The Smart Grid should have quantifiable measurements of performance





# Challenges to a Modern Grid

# Top **technical** challenges to a modern grid

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Two-way communications

Data management

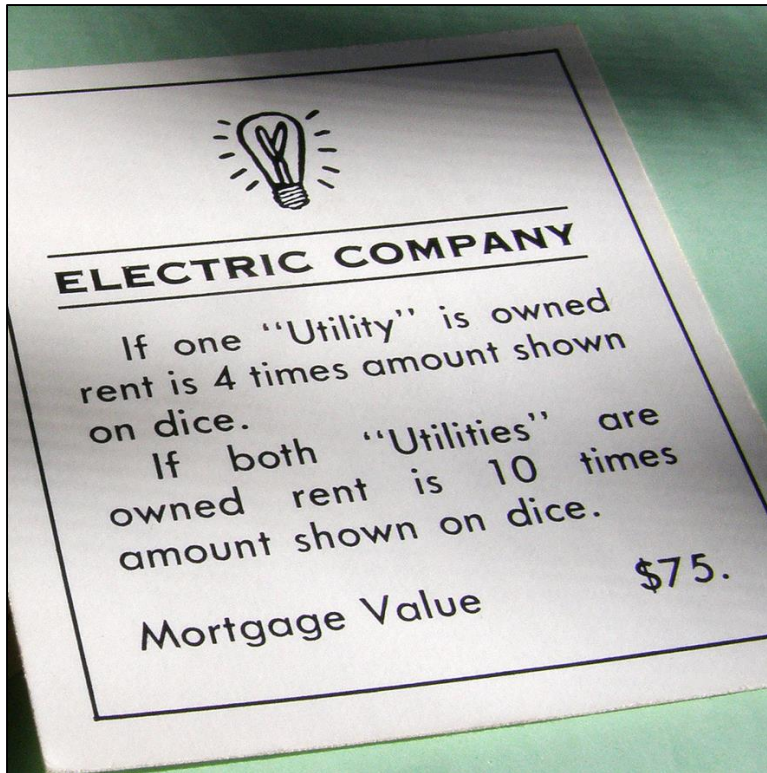
Integration of legacy equipment

Interoperability and cyber security standards



# Top **regulatory** issues facing a modern grid

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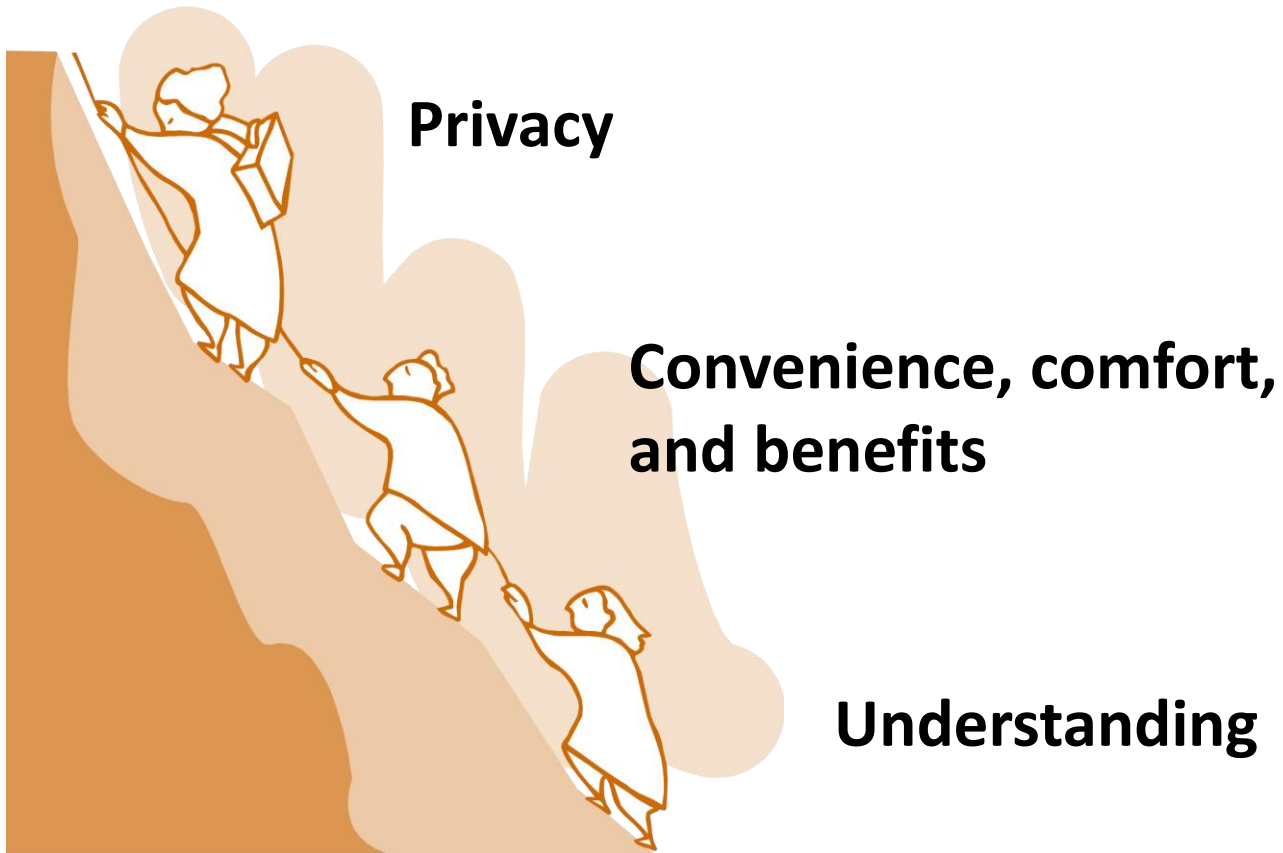
Used and useful & least cost

Recovery of investment cost

Dynamic pricing

# Customers' concerns

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*SMART*

is the alternative to

BIG.